

Fact Sheet

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Labor Market Report Highlights September 2014

Labor Force and Unemployment

- The September 2014 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.8 percent, down from 4.9 percent in August and down from 5.3 percent one year ago.
- The September 2014 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Kansas was 4.4 percent, down from 4.8 percent in August, and down from 5.1 percent one year ago.
- There were 10,978 initial claims for unemployment benefits in September 2014, up from 9,953 in August and down from 11,297 last year. There were 68,335 continued claims in September, up from 62,606 the previous month and down from 112,887 in September 2013. These numbers include all available programs.
- The number of employed Kansas increased by 2,940 people from August 2014 to September.

Jobs Data

Seasonally Adjusted

- Since January 2011, the state has added 57,700 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs.
- The state added 10,700 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 1 percent gain. Kansas gained 9,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since September 2013, a 0.7 percent increase.
- Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs rose by 1,300 since last month, a 0.1 percent increase. Since August, the state gained 2,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, a 0.2 percent increase.

Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers [here](#).

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Kansas gained 11,400 private sector jobs since September 2013, a 1 percent increase. The state gained 9,500 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 0.7 percent increase.
- Kansas decreased by 5,300 private sector jobs since August, a 0.5 percent decrease. Over the month, Kansas gained 17,400 nonfarm jobs, a 1.3 percent increase.

Industry Breakdown

- Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Education and health services increased by 5,900 jobs, a 3.2 percent gain. Growth was primarily in health care and social assistance.

- Professional and business services gained 4,100 jobs, a 2.5 percent increase, with gains mostly in administrative and support, waste management, and remediation services.
- Other services added 2,200 jobs, a 4.3 percent gain.
- Four of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the year job losses. These were greatest in:
 - Manufacturing declined by 2,200 jobs, or 1.4 percent. All of the loss was in durable goods.
 - Government decreased by 1,900 jobs, or 0.7 percent, with losses at all levels.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 800 jobs, or 0.7 percent, with losses across the sector.
- Four of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month job gains. The largest gains were in:
 - Government gained 22,700 jobs, a 9.6 percent increase. These gains were at the state and local levels because of seasonal increases at state colleges and local school districts.
 - Education and health services increased by 3,200 jobs, or 1.7 percent, primarily because of seasonal increases in educational services.
 - Other services added 100 jobs, or 0.2 percent.
- Seven of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month losses. These were highest in:
 - Trade, transportation and utilities declined by 2,700 jobs, or 1 percent. Declines were mainly in retail trade.
 - Professional and business services lost 2,500 jobs, a 1.5 percent decline, with losses in all sectors.
 - Construction decreased by 1,400 jobs, or 2.2 percent. Losses were in construction of buildings and specialty trade contractors.

Private Sector Earnings

Not Seasonally Adjusted

- Private sector average weekly earnings increased by \$0.26 over the month and increased by \$12.48 since last year, to a total of \$766.78.
- Manufacturing increased the most in earnings since last year. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing increased by \$62.31 since September 2013, to a total of \$1,008.42.
- Education and health services had notable monthly and yearly increases. The average weekly earnings increased by \$14.67 over the month and by \$32.35 since last year, to an average weekly wage of \$716.15.

The October 2014 Labor Report will be released on Friday, Nov. 21.

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